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2. The private market and the two cart-stands situated in the infected locality have been closed and the grains in the shops in that locality have also been ordered to be exposed to the sun for not less than 6 hours.

3. The grains and bags going out of Tuticorin and coming into Tuticorin from other infected areas either by train or by road have been ordered to be exposed to the direct rays of the sun for not less than six hours.

4. Inoculation is in good progress and many people have been inoculated by the Sub-Assistant Surgeon specially posted for this duty. People are freely coming forward for inoculation.

5. Rat destruction is being attended to by the special plague inspector. Rat traps have been supplied by the municipality to the people living in and near the infected area. The municipality is also giving liberal rewards for rat destruction.

6. Leaflets on plague are being distributed and the propaganda work is actively carried on by the Municipal Health Officer and his staff.

7. To prevent the spread of plague to other parts of the district, the Chairmen of the Municipalities, the Presidents of Union Boards and the village officers of other villages have been instructed to see that the personal effects of persons and grains, etc., coming from the plague infected area are exposed to the sun for the given period before they are allowed to enter into the town or village.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to question No. 381 asked by the Raja of Ramnad at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th February 1924, page 397 supra.]

Serial number and name of building.	Rent at present paid for each building.	Value of the building.	Year of purchase.
North Presidency Division.	RS.	RS.	
1. Quarters of the Overseer, Government Press	15½	5,647	1906-07
2. Quarters of the Electrician, Government Press	12½	3,614	1906-07
3. Quarters of the Superintendent, Presidency Training School, Egmore.	11	1,865	1890
4. Quarters of the Workshop Assistant in European Training School.	8	2,339	Not known
5. Quarters for an Assistant Instructor, Manual Training ..	13½	4,731	Do.
6. Sub-Assistant Surgeon's quarters, Penitentiary, No. 1 ..	10	2,957	Do.
7. Do. do. No. 2 ..	9½	2,967	Do.
8. Sub-Assistant Surgeon's quarters, Lunatic Asylum ..	21	3,965	Do.
9. Quarters of the Superintendent, Old Leper hospital ..	45	10,168	Do.
10. Sub-Assistant Surgeon's quarters, new hospital, Rayapuram.	16	3,228	Do.
11. Sub-Assistant Surgeon's quarters, Sir Raja Ramaswami Mudaliyar's Lying-in hospital.	17	3,070	Do.
12. Quarters of the Surgeon, First district	80	26,311	1910
13. Sub-Assistant Surgeon's quarters, No. 1, Government Ophthalmic hospital.	21	4,202	Not known
Sub-Assistant Surgeon's quarters, No. 2, Government Ophthalmic hospital.	21	4,202	Do.
Sub-Assistant Surgeon's quarters, No. 3, Government Ophthalmic hospital.	13½	4,202	Do.

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premises, all articles kept there should be desiccated by exposure to the hot sun. In this connexion it is necessary to keep effective control on the carrying of articles to the camp. Articles of absolute necessity only should be allowed and only after they are exposed to the direct rays of the hot sun for at least four hours, lest the camp should get infected and its object defeated.

The Councils own about 22 dozens of rat traps. As many of them are out of order and some more seem to be needed, the number may be augmented. Rat baiting is also being done. Rat destruction should not be confined to the infected areas alone, but should be extended to beyond the affected zone in a systematic way. Cessation of human attacks should not lead to laxity of this measure, which, as a matter of fact, should be conducted in a varying measure throughout the year practically, and pushed on especially just before the epidemic season year after year. It should be widely made known to the public that dead rats should not be approached or handled in houses or shops, but that the fact should be notified forthwith to the authorities, who should arrange for the removal, etc., by a separate staff of inoculated coolies. Offering money to private people for producing dead rats is to be discontinued as the practice will only lead to unnecessary exposure to infection of the people who collect them for the sake of money.

Propaganda work is not the least important among the preventive measures to be adopted, especially among these people to whom plague is new. Although about 2,000 Tamil pamphlets have been distributed and five lectures delivered, there is yet more room for work to be done in this direction. The District Health Officer has kindly consented, at the request of the Civil Surgeon, to give magic lantern lectures regarding plague at various centres.

As plague is really a rat disease and only incidentally attacks the man, the control of rat traffic should be the aim in introducing preventive measures against spread ; in other words, efficient control of grain traffic. All consignments of grain coming to or going out of Tuticorin should be exposed to the hot sun for an adequate length of time. For this the co-operation of the Railway and Shipping authorities is essential and should be sought for.

The Collector has been pleased to sanction the appointment of three special plague inspectors whose services should be utilized in scrutinizing the grain traffic in Tuticorin as well as in all other remedial measures. This fact has been already intimated to the Chairman.

All the work done by the executive in stamping out the disease would be of little avail in the absence of sincere co-operation from the people. This could be only achieved successfully if responsible and influential representatives of the different classes of people form into vigilance committees and be in touch with the executive. This point has been sufficiently emphasized during my stay at Tuticorin.

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Letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Director of Public Health, Madras, dated 16th January 1924.

[Plague—Tuticorin municipality—Outbreak—Preventive measures—Report under plague S.O. No. 14.]

The total number of attacks and deaths reported up to 13th January 1924 are 48 and 32 respectively. The following preventive measures are being taken to stamp out the epidemic.

1. Evacuation of the heavily infected block has been ordered and plague sheds provided in the site approved by the Medical and Health Officers,